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INTEREST

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1. NEW YORK TIMES (RICHARD BURT) REPORTS THAT ADMINISTRA-  
TION HAS REVERSED POSITION ON A CTB BY WILLINGNESS TO  
PERMIT EXTREMELY SMALL NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS AND TO RUN FOR  
THREE INSTEAD OF FIVE YEARS. ACCORDING TO BURT MODIFICA-  
TION IN POSITION WAS RESULT OF CABINET-LEVEL MEETING A,  
THE WHITE HOUSE AND WAS BASED ON RELUCTANCE OF JOINT CHIEFS  
AND DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY TO SUPPORT NEGOTIATING INSTRUC-

TIONS CABLED TO US DELEGATION IN GENEVA. STORY STATES ACDA D;RECTOR WARNKE AMONG OFFICIALS AGREEING TO MODIFICATION. (FYI: GUIDANCE FURNISHED STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN ON THIS STORY AS FOLLOWS: THE BURT ARTICLE CONTAINS SEVERAL BASIC INACCURACIES. WHILE I CANNOT GET INTO THE DETAILS OF OUR NEGOTIATING POSTURE OR OF INTERAGENCY DISCUSSIONS, I CAN STATE CATEGORICALLY THAT THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION IS CONTINUING TO SEEK A COMPREHENSIVE PROHIBITION ON ALL NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS.

2. IN SATURDAY OP-ED PIECE IN WASHINGTON POST SENATOR

HENRY JACKSON CHARGED THAT CONFUSION SURROUNDING US-SOVIET POLICY "STEMS FROM THE CONTRADICTION BETWEEN ADMINISTRATION WORDS AND ACTIONS." WHILE CARTER'S ANNAPOLIS SPEECH "REFLECTS A GROWING RECOGNITION THAT THE SOVIET UNION IS A REPRESSIVE TOTALITARIAN STATE THAT SEEKS TO EXPAND ITS INFLUENCE THROUGH A MASSIVE MILITARY BUILD-UP" AND AFRICAN INVOLVEMENT, INCREASING ACTION "HAS BEEN STRANGELY ABSENT." JACKSON ASKS SERIES OF QUESTIONS REFLECTING HIS CONTENTION US MAKING CONCESSIONS IN SALT; E.G., WHY SIGN "TREATY THAT WILL PERMIT THE SOVIETS TO HAVE MORE THAN 300 LARGE, MODERN INTERCONTINENTAL MISSILES WHILE WE ARE ALLOWED NONE? WHY SHOULD ALL OUR STRATEGIC BOMBERS COUNT IN THE TREATY (EVEN THOSE THAT HAVE BEEN DISASSEMBLED AND MOTHBALLED) WHILE THE NEW SOVIET BACKFIRE BOMBER, OF WHICH UNCLASSIFIED

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THEY CAN HAVE SOME 400 DURING THE LIFE OF THE TREATY, DOES NOT COUNT AT ALL? WHY SHOULD A US CRUISE MISSILE IN EUROPE WITH A RANGE OF 400 MILES BE PROHIBITED, WHILE A SOVIET BALLISTIC MISSILE IN EUROPE WITH A RANGE OF 4,000 MILES IS PERMITTED--AND, IN UNLIMITED NUMBER? ARTICLE CONTINUES TO CITE "FAILURE TO TAKE ANY ACTION TO BACK UP THE WORDS OF PROTESTERS AT THE SENTENCING OF SEVEN YEARS.. OF ORLOV." ANOTHER JACKSON EXAMPLE OF "TOUGH TALK, WEAK ACTIONS" ARE SOVIET PURCHASE OF US TECHNOLOGY, COMMERCIAL SHIPPING, AND SPACE RESEARCH.

3. POST (PINCUS) AND BALTIMORE SUN (TREWHITT) REPORT RELEASE IN DECLASSIFIED FORM OF ADMINISTRATION'S FY79 ARMS CONTROL IMPACT STATEMENTS. PINCUS STORY DISCUSSES LASER AND PARTICLE BEAM WEAPONS BEING ACTIVELY EXPLORED BY US AND SOVIET UNION. STORY QUOTES REPORT AS SAYING "BOTH PROGRAMS MAY RAISE SOME SIGNIFICANT CHALLENGES TO OUR ARMS CONTROL INTERESTS." TREWHITT STORY RELATES TO NEUTRON WARHEAD AND REPORTS ADMINISTRATION ANALYSIS CONCLUDES ER WARHEAD WOULD HAVE A "SLIGHT IMPACT" ON WAR SHOULD CONFLICT OCCUR. REPORT D:SCRIBES CONTROVERSY "LARGELY A PRODUCT OF AMERICAN MISCONCEPTIONS AND SOVIET

PROPAGANDA." TREWHITT STORY HAS CHAIRMAN OF HOUSE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE SAYING IMPACT ANALYSES ARE "THE BEST SINCE THE LAW REQUIRING THEM WAS ENACTED IN 1975."

4. IN REMARKS AT PENTAGON CEREMONY HONORING NEW MEMBERS OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF PRESIDENT CARTER REAFFIRMED AMERICAN INTENTIONS TO MAINTAIN RETALIATORY POWER SECOND TO NONE, ABLE TO DESTROY ANY NATION--MEANING THE SOVIET UNION--IN RETALIATION TO NUCLEAR ATTACK. ACCORDING TO BALTIMORE SUN (CHARLES CORDDRY) STORY QUOTES THE PRESIDENT AS SAYING BEING ABLE TO ABSORB A NUCLEAR STRIKE

AND HIT BACK SO SEVERELY THAT ATTACKERS "CAN BE COM-  
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PLETELY DESTROYED IS THE BEST ASSURANCE THAT THIS MUTUAL DESTRUCTION WILL BE AVOIDED."

5. IN WRAP-UP STORY ON SSOD NEW YORK TIMES (KATHLEEN TELTSCH) DESCRIBED FINAL DOCUMENT AS PAPERING OVER THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE NUCLEAR POWERS AND COUNTRIES OF THE THIRD WORLD. STORY QUOTES AMBASSADOR LEONARD AS SAYING IT WAS A "DIPLOMATIC MIRACLE." TEXT REFLECTS THIRD WORLD VIEWS THAT NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT DESERVES "HIGHEST PRIORITY" AND ALL NATIONS MUST BE FREE TO ACQUIRE NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY AND EQUIPMENT FOR PEACEFUL USES. IT ALSO REFLECTS ARGUMENTS OF MAJOR POWERS THAT CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS ALSO MUST BE CURBED AND STRICT SAFEGUARDS AGAINST SPREAD OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS BE IMPLEMENTED. STORY CITES CLOSE COOPERATION BETWEEN US AND USSR DESPITE "TIME OF INCREASED POLITICAL STRAIN." STORY CALLS REVAMPING OF CCD AS MOST SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVEMENT WITH FRANCE AGREEING TO JOIN ENLARGED COMMITTEE WHICH IS TO MEET NO LATER THAN JANUARY. SEAT IS BEING RESERVED FOR CHINA WHICH HAS SHOWN PRELIMINARY INTEREST. VANCE

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